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Aldous Huxley, LSD and CIA programmes

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My past two posts — [here](#) and [here](#) — have centred on LSD and its use by the CIA in rendering a bright, innovative society drugged and compliant.

Today's post concludes the story, which includes British intelligence dating from the Great War — World War I.

Aldous Huxley

When Aldous and Julian Huxley (first director of UNESCO) were studying at Oxford, their tutor was a fellow Fabian, **H G Wells**. Wells had also introduced Aldous to Aleister Crowley.

Wells headed British foreign intelligence during the First World War. He devised what he called

"The Open Conspiracy: Blue Prints for a World Revolution" ... a "one-world brain" which would function as "a police of the mind."

In her 1980 book *The Aquarian Conspiracy* author Marilyn Ferguson says that, in the 1930s, the British government sent **Aldous Huxley** to the United States

as the case officer for an operation to prepare the United States for the mass dissemination of drugs.

Huxley went to California in 1937 and spent the whole of the Second World War there. When he wasn't working as a screenwriter, he was establishing Isis cults:

In effect, Huxley and [Christopher] Isherwood (joined soon afterwards by Thomas Mann and his daughter Elisabeth Mann Borgheese) **laid the foundations during the late 1930s and the 1940s for the later LSD culture, by recruiting a core of "initiates" into the Isis cults** that Huxley's mentors, Bulwer-Lytton, Blavatsky, and Crowley, had constituted while stationed in India.

Huxley did not return to the UK until 1952. That same year, the CIA initiated MK-Ultra. It is possible that both British intelligence and OSS (Office of Strategic Services) were also involved. **Allen Dulles was CIA director at the time MK-Ultra started. He had also been in the OSS when Albert Hofmann was conducting his early research on LSD.**

Incidentally, **James Warburg**, whose banking family had an interest in Sandoz, had worked with Huxley. He **founded the Institute for Policy Studies in 1963.**

Huxley returned to the United States in 1952 accompanied by his family doctor, **Humphry Osmond**. Osmond had previously attended a seminar Huxley had organised in London. Osmond and another seminar participant J R Smythies wrote a paper called 'Schizophrenia: A New Approach':

he asserted that mescaline — a derivative of the mescal cactus used in ancient Egyptian and Indian pagan rites — produced a psychotic state identical in all clinical respects to schizophrenia.

On this basis, **Osmond and Smythies advocated experimentation with hallucinogenic drugs as a means of developing a "cure" for mental disorders.**

Dulles invited Osmond to play a prominent role in MK-Ultra.

Osmond, Huxley and Robert Hutchins — from the University of Chicago, also Ford Foundation programme director — planned a series of meetings through to 1953 regarding a second, but private, initiative concerning LSD and mescaline. When Henry Ford II got wind of it, he sacked Hutchins. That said, the proposal was not dropped.

In 1953, Osmond began supplying Huxley with mescaline. In 1954, Huxley wrote *The Doors of Perception*, considered to be the first manifesto of the cult around hallucinogenic drugs.

Later that decade, he worked privately on LSD and mescaline research, recruiting candidates from his Isis cult centres from around California. Among them were luminaries such as Margaret Mead's ex-husband Dr **Gregory Bateson** — also in the OSS working as an anthropologist — and the defrocked Anglican priest **Alan Watts** who went on to embrace Buddhism.

Bateson directed hallucinogenic experiments at the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital. He was able to lure some of his subjects into Huxley's Isis cult groups. Bateson was also the first to give LSD to Ken Kesey.

Watts launched the Pacifica Foundation which had two radio stations, one in San Francisco and another in New York City.

Late in 1960, Huxley was appointed visiting professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. This enabled him to form a core group of insiders, among them Osmond, Watts, Leary and Alpert.

Whilst at MIT, Huxley wanted Leary to form a group of LSD users among the elite:

and lead a psychedelic conspiracy to brainwash influential people for the purposes of human betterment. "That's how everything of culture and beauty and philosophic freedom has been passed on," Huxley tells him. "Initiate artists, writers, poets, jazz musicians, elegant courtesans. And they'll educate the intelligent rich."

Nevertheless, only a few years later on the other side of the country in 1964, 'Baby' Jane Holzer — a young, beautiful New York socialite who spent much of her time at Andy Warhol's drug-ridden Factory in Manhattan — said:

It was getting very scary at the Factory. There were too many crazy people around who were stoned and using too many drugs. They had some laughing gas that everybody was sniffing. The whole thing freaked me out, and I figured it was becoming too faggy and sick and druggy. I couldn't take it.

Whilst at MIT, Huxley contacted the president of Sandoz. Sandoz was fulfilling a CIA contract for MK-Ultra, consisting of large quantities of LSD — 100 million doses — and psilocybin. By the late 1960s, these had flooded the streets. By the way, Leary was purchasing his LSD in large quantities from the pharmaceutical manufacturer as well, albeit privately.

In 1962, Huxley strongly influenced the founding of the [Esalen Institute](#) in Big Sur, California, where he was one of the lecturers. Their purpose was to promote

behavior group therapy, for Zen, Hindu, and Buddhist transcendental meditation, and "out of body" experiences through simulated and actual hallucinogenic drugs.23

As described in the Esalen Institute Newsletter: **"Esalen started in the fall of 1962 as a forum to bring together a wide variety of approaches to enhancement of the human potential ... including experiential sessions involving encounter groups, sensory awakening, gestalt awareness training, related disciplines. Our latest step is to fan out into the community at large, running programs in cooperation with many different institutions, churches, schools, hospitals, and government."**24

My comments: First, I have not met any Briton yet who has a good thing to say about Aldous Huxley. Secondly, there are many American WASPs who also discount his opinions and lifestyle. Thirdly, it is quite possible that the UK government wanted to put the Huxleys in other roles — and keep the H G Wells people quiet — by transferring them to the US. That way, the UK would never have to hear from them again. It seems to have worked!

I do not think there was a conspiracy of the UK gaining supremacy over the US because, in order for the US to achieve smooth passage of the Nazi doctors and their families across the pond, diplomatic intervention would have been required. The British were in the best position to achieve this — in negotiations with the Germans and the French (who would also have had a say). Therefore, the British did what the Americans asked and ... in return, the Americans got their Nazi doctors — and Aldous Huxley.

Later developments

Also in 1962, the Rand Corporation of Santa Monica, California, began a four-year experiment of marijuana, peyote and LSD. (During the Second World War, Rand had a pivotal role in determining the psychological effects bombing had on the population of German cities.) Rand researchers studied 30 humans in 1963 and concluded in their report, 'Short-Term Effects of LSD on Anxiety, Attitudes and Performance' that

LSD improved emotional attitudes and resolved anxiety problems.

It is of note that James Warburg's Institute for Policy Studies became the US branch of the British Russell Peace Institute. Not surprisingly it drew its operatives from British-dominated institutions, including the US branch of the Tavistock Institute, National Training Labs.

Oddly, the SDS — Students for a Democratic Society — received financing from the IPS. The general idea for this unusual financing was to promote love — hedonistic pleasure — instead of war. It didn't work in the IPS's favour all the time, considering the violent student protests on university campuses and the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968.

According to Ferguson, all this would eventually progress to an American programme developed in May 1974

on how to transform the United States into Aldous Huxley's Brave New World. The counterculture is a conspiracy at the top, created as a method of social control, used to drain the United States of its commitment to scientific and technological progress.

She refers to:

"Changing Images of Man," Contract Number URRH (489-2150, Policy Research Report No. 414.74, prepared by the Stanford Research Institute Center for the Study of Social Policy, Willis Harman, director.

The 319-page mimeographed report was prepared by a team of fourteen researchers and supervised by a panel of twenty-three controllers, including anthropologist Margaret Mead, psychologist B.F. Skinner, Ervin Laszlo of the United Nations, Sir Geoffrey Vickers of British intelligence.

The aim of the study, the authors state, is to change the image of mankind from that of industrial progress to one of "spiritualism." The study asserts that in our present society, the **"image of industrial and technological man" is obsolete and must be "discarded":**

"Many of our present images appear to have become dangerously obsolete, however . . .

Science, technology, and economics have made possibly really significant strides toward achieving such basic human goals as physical safety and security, material comfort and better health. But many of these successes have brought with them problems of being too successful — problems that themselves seem insoluble within the set of societal value-premises that led to their emergence . . .

Our highly developed system of technology leads to higher vulnerability and breakdowns. Indeed the range and interconnected impact of societal problems that are now emerging pose a serious threat to our civilization. . . . If our predictions of the future prove correct, we can expect the association problems of the trend to become more serious, more universal and to occur more rapidly."

The report advised that change should come about quickly. Indeed, that is how it feels to many today: that we are too successful and have to lose our freedom of choice, action and thought.

Conclusion

It seems to me — whether good or bad drugs, CIA involvement, British activity and what not — that drugs can never succeed. They are simply a dangerous idea.

And, if Ferguson's book is correct, **we are well on the road to social control and technological mediocrity.**

No wonder there is a drive to get us off alcohol and tobacco.

Drugs — stay away from them or risk your God-given personal identity, intelligence and integrity.

And for those who suspect a British conspiracy here, let me assure you the same thing is going on here: UK Decay (first coined by the now-defunct *Spy* magazine as 'UK DK' in the 1990s; I did not wish to copy their intellectual property directly). We have much unemployment among second-generation Britons, not to mention increased drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, 'mum's boyfriend' syndrome and all the rest.

The same is going on in France, where Marseille is undoubtedly going to be renamed Detroit. Yes, it's that bad.

So, this is not a conspiracy against America, but rather against the Western world. That said, I am sorry that so many Americans, particularly honest servicemen, were prey to government or intelligence programmes which ruined their minds and left them less than able to love their wives and children, head a household and hold down a job. May God help them and their families.

All this makes remembering our war dead next month sad and poignant. I'm sure they did not give their lives so that we could be drugged up to the eyeballs and live according to the dictates of the government. Surely that is what they least wanted for themselves and for future generations.

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October 27, 2014 at 3:23 am

John J Flanagan

Incredible and convincing evidence. Reading this makes me realize my naïveté when it comes to history. We read certain books, including some by notable authors, and I even majored in the 1960's Vietnam era in my History bloc as an undergrad. Plus, I had first hand experience as a Marine Sgt in Thua Thien Province, SVN, 1967-68. Obviously, there was much information unpublished or unknown happening behind the scenes.

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October 27, 2014 at 1:43 pm

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Thank you!

We only find out what the powers that be want us to know. And to think that you were so close to the action in South Vietnam and later studied that era in depth.

The lack of government and intelligence transparency and the damage it caused many veterans is unconscionable. I do not blame you in the least for your sentiments (Friday night's comment), particularly when you served your country as a Marine Sergeant in the least popular war in American history. And to think that the CIA encouraged that anti-war feeling among the American public. It is disgusting and incomprehensible.

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October 27, 2014 at 10:17 pm

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An afterthought on Friday's post about Teddy Roosevelt.

Do you remember from schooldays the huge emphasis teachers put on his 'conservation' stuff (as if to music, 'Where the buffalos roam, where the deer antlers play ...')? It makes me wonder now whether that was a ploy to get us all to say, 'Hey, okay, if the animals should live there, who am I to say?' It is rather clever — if cynical. Animals over people.

I'm not saying people should have first place over animals all the time, but where Lincoln established a system of free land whereby Americans — and settlers from other countries — could establish farms, so much the better. It was for human livelihood and survival.

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